

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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DATE: May 27, 1981

SUBJECT: Hotline Call: Route 171 and High Road, Lockport, Illinois

FROM: Erin Moran, Physical Scientist - CDO, HWIS
THROUGH: Phyllis A. Reed, Acting Chief - CDO, HWIS

TO: Arnold Leder, Chief
Compliance Section

On April 9, 1981, Erin Moran, Karen Waldvogel, both from S&A Division and Rich Ruthe, Air Enforcement, investigated a site approximately 50 yards Northwest of Route 171 and approximately 50 yards East of Lemont Road.

The area of concern at the site was a slope made up of fill material that appeared to be coke residue. Mink Creek flows Southwest, downhill from the slope. It appeared as though any material from the slope could gravitate to the Creek.

We took a sample of the fill material and had it analyzed for EP Toxicity as shown on the attached sheet. None of the results showed concentrations of the observed parameters higher than the quantities recommended by the EPA for water quality of this type.

It was reported by a hotline caller that the owner of the land was the Catholic Church and that Union Oil dumped the material there. I contacted an employee at the Church and she said that Kubinski Excavating, Inc. of Joliet owned the land. An employee of Kubinski Excavating, Inc. told me in a phone conversation that two other excavating companies, along with themselves, presently own the land at the site. He also said that his company put the material there and that it is inert dirt fill. He added that the "EPA has tested the material a couple of times in the last couple of years and determined it non-hazardous." I have not researched and verified this assertion regarding prior involvement by the EPA at this site.

cc: Richard Ruthe, Air Enforcement